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(b) The question of revision of the scale of pay of the Sanitary Inspectors of Panchayats and the fixation of pay of medical and public health staff in the Shencottah Municipality and the Municipalities in Kanyakumari District is under consideration. The Government have accepted the scales recommended by the Pay Commission.

(c)	Existing Scale.	Scale recommended by the pay commission.
Ordinary grade	Rs. 60—3—90—4—130	Rs. 100—5—200
Selection Grade	Rs. 140—5—190	Rs. 200--10—300

SRI T. T. DANIEL : May I know the reasons for not implementing the revision of salaries of Sanitary Inspectors of Kanyakumari even though several years have passed since the salaries were revised previously? What is the particular difficulty the Government has? Will it not be possible to revise the salaries immediately if the Government were to set their minds earnestly and work for one hour?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : We have to look into their previous pay and grade and all that. The conditions prevailing there are different from what they are in this part of the State. That is why it took some time. But I think they will be now at the end of their investigation and they will soon do the necessary implementation.

Export of black pepper

* 1685 Q.—SRI T. T. DANIEL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state the total quantity of black pepper exported from this State during the last five years?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The total quantity of black pepper exported during the period from 1956–57 to 1959–60 is 1,022 cwts. Information about the quantity exported during 1960–61 is not available.

SRI T. T. DANIEL : May I know what steps Government have taken to increase production of black pepper? May I know whether there is any difficulty for merchants to export black pepper?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : About export, it is seen that pepper that is produced in Kanyakumari is diverted to Kerala and it is exported from ports in Kerala. About increase in the area of cultivation, intensive propaganda is carried on in Kanyakumari and Nilgiris districts and also in the Erode division of Coimbatore district. The Pepper Week was celebrated in June 1961 in the Nilgiris and Kanyakumari districts. A total number of 5,750 pepper cuttings were distributed in Nagercoil division and 20 growers have come forward to plant in a total area of about 400 acres in Erode division. The Horticulturist and

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the Associate Professor of Horticulture has been asked to establish two small pepper nurseries, one at the Burliar Fruit Station and the other at the Model Orchard-*cum*-Nursery, at Courtallam to meet the plant requirements in the State and also for multiplying promising varieties obtained from Kerala State.

Sandalwood trees

*1686 *Q.*—SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN: கனம் உள்துறை அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) சந்தன மர அபிவிருத்திக்கான ஆராய்ச்சி கேந்திரம் ஏதேனும் அமைக்கப்பட்டுள்ளதா ?

(இ) அப்படியானல் அதன் விபரமென்ன ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) & (*b*) The Government have recently sanctioned the establishment of a Research Centre at Denkanikotta in Salem district for conducting experiments on sandal under the Third Five-Year Plan. The Centre will start functioning shortly.

The Araniyar waters

* 1687 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED, SRI N. K. PALANISAMI: } Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to State—

(*a*) whether there has been any talks with the Andhra Government regarding the use of Araniyar waters; and

(*b*) if so, the decision arrived at?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN: (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The matter is still under correspondence with the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

SRI A. A. RASHEED: May I know how long it will take to arrive at a decision?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN: I think as early as possible a decision will be taken.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM: ஆரணி ஹெட் வொர்க்ஸ் இப்போது ஆந்திர சர்க்கார் கையில்தான் இருக்கிறதா படாஸ்கர் அவார்டின்படி ஆரணி ரிசர்வாயிலிருந்து நமக்கு எவ்வளவு தண்ணீர் விட வேண்டும் என்று சொல்லப்பட்டிருந்ததோ அந்த தண்ணீர் நமக்கு இப்போது வருகின்றதா ? அப்படி தண்ணீர் வரவில்லையென்றுல் அந்தத் தண்ணீரை இப்போது யார் உபயோகித்துக்கொண்டிருக்கிறுர்கள் ? அப்படியானுல் இதன் மீது செய்துகொண்ட ஒப்பந்தத்தின் கதி என்ன ?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN: ஹெட்வொர்க்ஸ் இப்போது அவர்கள் கன்ட்ரோலில்தான் இருக்கிறது. கனம் ஹோம் மினிஸ்டர் அவர்களும் அந்த மாகாண மந்திரிகளும் எந்தவிதமான ஒப்பந்தம் செய்து கொண்டார்களோ அதன்படி நடந்துகொண்டுவருகிறது.